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Rep. Dittrich Makes Statement on Ukrainian Invasion

Madison – Representative Barbara Dittrich (R – Oconomowoc), made the following statement regarding Russia's invasion of Ukraine:

"They say, 'All politics are local.' Nothing makes that more apparent than witnessing the horror of real-time video showing the atrocities being committed against the sovereign nation of Ukraine. This invasion is an attack that affects the entire world, not only because of the inhumanity but also because of the economic and security impact," stated Rep. Dittrich.

"One of the first actions President Biden took was killing the Keystone Pipeline project last year. As a result of his policies, inflation has continued to rise over the past year and fuel prices have the potential to become much more problematic for Wisconsinites. As we have seen in the last year, federal policies, both domestic and foreign have a direct impact on us here at home. My hope is that the President would reverse his decision on Keystone at a time where we desperately need energy independence.

"The aggressive actions in Europe also magnify the concerns I already have for my constituents in the 38th Assembly District. With a year of immigrants illegally flooding over the border and being relocated in all fifty states, our nation is less secure. Overall national security becomes more worrisome as my constituents watch what is taking place currently in Europe.

"Finally, as our nation appears to project weakness in this global crisis, our state has further cause for concern. Last fall, Ambassador Hsiao Bi-Khim of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States shared information regarding the threat that China presents to their sovereign nation with the Wisconsin State Legislature Taiwan Friendship Caucus. As Wisconsin is Taiwan's ninth largest trade partner in the US, our partnership is increasingly imperiled while our Taiwanese friends now see more Chinese incursions into Taiwanese airspace since the Ukrainian invasion.

"I ask every Wisconsinite to join me in praying for our threatened and terrorized friends in Ukraine. Please also join me in calling for peace through the strength of our own nation, both at home and abroad. It is true that 'War is hell." None of us want to see our world race towards such destruction. May we come together in being purveyors of peace."

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